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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Post Mortem on NIE 11-14-67: The
Soviet and East European General
Purpose Forces

1. OSR representatives took part in the preparation of this Post Mortem and we agree generally with the description of the major problems in the Annex.

2. All of these problem areas -- except the missile deployment questions -- are under examination by the Joint CIA/DIA Reinforcement Study Group. We expect that its work will answer several of the major questions when the initial Joint Study report is submitted at the end of January. Several questions will remain, however, and additional work--either joint or unilateral--will be necessary. By the time 11-14 comes up again, I am confident we will have a much better grasp of the Soviet ground forces problem.

3. In the course of the discussions on the Post Mortem, both the Army and NSA representatives made suggestions to the effect that some sort of GMAIC-like interagency committee should be established to deal with the matters raised by the Post Mortem. The proposals were rejected by the Chairman on the grounds that such a recommendation to USIB would be inappropriate. The representatives were advised that their principals were at liberty to make similar proposals at the USIB meeting if they desired.

4. If this does come up at USIB, I recommend that the CIA Member oppose the formation of such an

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inter-agency Committee. The Joint CIA-DIA Study group is the proper response to the problems as they now exist. CIA and DIA have the requisite production resources (the Army does not) and are tasking the collection and processing agencies as necessary. At this stage, what we need are workers, not kibitzers.

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